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WEEKLY BULLETIN

MARCH 6, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Cf. 15b

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15-5 PM

and upon request

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

Deacon: Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM

Italian Ministry: Rev. Federico Cinocca

Sacristan: Charles Falla, OFS

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday	Closed

Saint John School

Tel: 617-227-3143

Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM

https://sjsne.com/

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Mon - Thurs	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri - Sat	1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Weekly Schedule

Saint Leonard Church

8:15 AM mass will be celebrated every weekday during lent

Schedule of Devotions

Mon - Fri	8:15 AM Mass (only during Lent)
	11:30 AM Rosary
	12:05 Mass
Monday	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	12:30 PM St Anthony Novena
Wednesday	12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph
	1st Wed of every month
	Queen of Peace Prayer Group
	6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Thursday	11:00 AM Adoration
	Pure in Heart Young Adults
	6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Friday	12:30-3:30 PM Adoration
	3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saint Leonard Church

Mass Intentions Mar 5 - Mar 12

March 5 - Saturday

5:00pm - John, Patrick, Anthony Bobnis; Anthony Tordiglione; Mary Colleameno; Colene Diodadati

March 6 - Sunday

9:00am - Deceased members of the DePasquale & Varano Families; Arthur Gambale; Giovanna & Alberico DiCenso; Benny Federico; Oliviero Federico; Gertrude (florence) Capuiano Sullivan; Deceased members of the Caltaldo & Merola Families

10:30am - St Anthony of Padua; Domenico & Sestilia Federico; Franko Volpe; Maria Coppola

12:00pm - Joseph and Josephine Trodella; Josephine Buscemi; Frederick "Baba" Ferullo; Anthony "Cal" Tordiglione; Dina D'Alto Malgeri; Jean Ann Simonelli; Robert Marrama

March 7 - Monday

12:05pm - Joseph P Sablone

March 8 - Tuesday

12:05pm - James Rafferty

March 9 - Wednesday

12:05pm - Margaret Scully

March 10 - Thursday

12:05pm - Intentions of Anna Keane

March 11 - Friday

12:05pm - Healing for Eliziebieta Szymoszek

March 12 - Saturday

5:00pm - Bob, Joe & John Agrippino; Castaldo Family; Louis Maldero & Grandson Louis; Anthony (Cal) Tordiglione

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of March 5 - 12 at Saint Leonard's Church for Christine Melkissetian

St. Stephens Church

Mass Intentions Mar 5 - Mar 12

March 5 - Saturday

4:00pm - David & Dorothy Farrell

March 10 - Thursday

7:30am - Karl Lebow

March 11 - Friday

7:30am - Benefactors of the Society of St. James the Apostle

March 12- Saturday

4:00pm - Mario Stancato

Lent, Holy Week, & Easter 2022

8:15 AM mass will be celebrated every weekday during lent

Every Friday, starting March 18 until April 8 we will have a School of prayer in which they will be a Jesuit, Franciscan, Neo Catechumenate, and a family prayer talk

Also, we will have a Lenten mission March 15, 16 and 18 from 7:00-8:00 pm led by Sean Gibney.

Schedule

Palm Sunday

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass
9:00 am – Morning Mass
10:30 am – Italian Mass
12 Noon – Mass of the Day

Holy Thursday

8:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 pm *(approximate)*-12 Midnight – Holy Hour(s) w/ the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

12 Noon – Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm – Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday

9:00 am – Morning Mass
10:30 am – Italian Mass
12 Noon – Mass of the Day

Friday's during Lent

- 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
- March 15, 16 and 18 Lenten mission (talk combined with a penance service to follow) from 7:00-8:00 pm
- School of prayer in which there will be a Jesuit, Franciscan, Neo Catechumenate, a family prayer talk 7:00pm - More information to follow

Reflection on First Sunday of Lent

Temptation is Real, and Painful

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1–2a

'Satan Watching the Sleep of Christ,' by Joseph Noel Paton (1821–1901)

What a painful experience for Jesus. If you really think about this, it can be difficult to understand...at least at first.

Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Creator of the Universe, the great I AM, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is in the desert, suffering for forty days while He is tempted by the devil and living among the wild beasts. Why in the world would He do this and why would God the Father allow it to happen? And what's more, it says that it was actually the Holy Spirit who drove Jesus into the desert to experience this painful 40 days!

Perhaps we rarely reflect upon all that Jesus endured and all that He suffered in His human life. Sure, we think about the Crucifixion at times, but even that is often overshadowed by our knowledge that He rose. It's easy to miss the suffering He experienced throughout His life. And it's easy to miss the reason He went through all that He did go through in His humanity.

So what's it all about? It's about love for us all. It's about God loving us so much that He was willing to endure every form of hardship and human suffering that enters into our lives. It's about God being able to look us square in the face and say, "Yes, I do understand what you're going through...I really do." This is love. It's a love so deep that God Himself was willing to experience our weaknesses and pain so that He would be able to meet us there, console us in the midst of whatever we are going through, and gently lift us out of it to the new life He has in store for us. Again, this is Love!

The Spirit "led" (Matthew's and Luke's versions) and even "drove" (Mark's version) Jesus out into the desert. This was a way of telling us that this experience was the plan and will of God. It wasn't something imposed upon Jesus by some strange happenstance. It wasn't bad luck or an unfortunate and meaningless human suffering. No, it was suffering for a purpose. Suffering with an intention. And the intention was, in part, to experience and embrace all that we experience and must embrace.

Temptation in life is real. It's the result of our fallen human nature. It comes from our weakness but also from the evil one. Temptation can be a heavy burden and cause heavy emotional and psychological pain. And when the temptation is given in to, it causes an even deeper spiritual pain. Jesus never gave in to the temptations in the desert, nor did He give in to temptations at any other time in His life. But He endured them and suffered them.

This tells us that He can be our strength and inspiration in the midst of whatever we are tempted with each and every day. Some days we may feel the loneliness and isolation of one who is driven into the desert of our sins. We may feel as though the wild beasts of our disordered passions are getting the best of us. We may feel as though the evil one is having his way with us. Well, Jesus felt this way, also. And He freely allowed Himself to experience this in His humanity. It was the will of the Father and the working of the Holy Spirit that drove Him to this experience.

For these reasons, it is Jesus Himself who is able to meet you in this desert within. He is there, waiting for you, looking for you, calling to you. He is there in the midst of anything and everything you may be going through. And it is He, the One who defeated this desert temptation, who will gently guide you out. He went to the desert to meet you and to bring you back. And just as the angels ministered to Jesus in this desert, so also does He send those angels to minister to you.

So whether your "desert" is only a slight agitation in life right now, or if it's a struggle against complete despair, Jesus wants to meet you and bring you out. He conquered the desert once and for all, and He is able to conquer any desert in your life, also.

Lord, I acknowledge Your perfect love for me. I believe that You love me enough to endure all suffering, to understand all suffering, and to bring me out of my own interior dryness and pain. May I let you be driven into the desert of my own soul; and there, as I encounter You, may I allow You to lead me to the cool and refreshing waters. Jesus, I trust in You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Michael Della Penna needs volunteers to help in our Parish Office, Ushers for masses, Coordinator of all our volunteers, setting up for masses and funerals. If you're interested in a volunteer opportunity here at St. Leonard Church, please contact our Parish Office

2022 Offertory Envelopes—Pick yours up from the Lector after mass

COVID Guidelines

As of February 28, masks will no longer be required at public Masses in the Archdiocese of Boston.

We will continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.

All masses are transmitted on our Facebook page **"St Leonard's Parish, North End, Boston"**

Attention New Parishioners

Please register with St. Leonard Parish:

By completing the New Parishioner Forms located on the Book case at the entrance of the church. Please place the form in the black box

By completing the form online at: https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/

By coming to the Parish Office

ONLINE DONATIONS

For the convenience of our parishioners online donations are encouraged.

Use the following QR code

St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 8:00 AM - 11:00AM

ST LEONARD PARISH MARCH OFFERTORY

Week 1: $ 1,937

February Monthly Budget: $ 7,764

Events & Happenings

Pure in Heart

Each Thursday, the pure in heart young adult group meets at Saint Leonard Church beginning with the rosary at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm. All young adults 20s & 30s are welcomed.

Evening with Mary

Tuesdays & Saturday In person or via Zoom call, join us at St Leonard's Church from 5:00-7:15 PM in celebrating the Eucharist, reciting the rosary and at 6:40 PM a virtual meeting with Ivan, the visionary from Medjugorje. The evening concludes with a benediction after ten minutes of silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Because the prayer service will be live streamed internationally, arrive before 5:00PM.

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Passcode: StJames

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